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Tough Woman At Mines



Source: Amber Butler

Cadet Jenn Kramb assembles and disassembles a M60 machine at advance camp, Ft. Lewis, Wash. Every ROTC Army cadet must participate at this camp, where they learn leadership principles and become familiarized with equipment and tactics. Other activities included during the camp are drill and ceremony, platoon operations, squad tactics, intense physical training, and day and night navigations using only compasses and maps. They also practice attack where they plan and execute a fly-in on a helicopter, land, and attack a bunker.

Vandals Pull Prank on "M"

Erin Kock

The "M" on Mt. Zion was vandalized this past Sunday for the third time in the last three weeks.

About one hundred light bulbs were stolen from the "M." Some bulbs had been loosened while most were stolen, leaving part of the letter unlit.

The "M" is taken care of by Blue Key, an honor fraternity that maintains the letter and plans the annual "M-climb." Members from Blue Key known as the "M-Posse," including President Kip Findley, M-Chair Ben Liu and pledge Mark Eisbrenner went to fix the problem late Sunday night.

"The intruders again removed the light bulbs, but did not break anything," said Liu concerning the incident. "I am perplexed as to who and why."

Footprints in the snow led to the northwest corner of the enclosure around the "M." The fence had been cut and pried open, indicating the intruders entered the enclosure through

the hole. Razor wire around the interior perimeter of the fence was placed far enough from the fence to allow access. Blue Key members who investigated also took measures to once again secure the "M."

The "M" was partially out for an estimated four hours according to Liu. The "M-Posse" spent two hours repairing the damage, including replacing bulbs and testing the lights.

"We spent a couple hours up at the "M" last night," said Findley. It was good we were able to respond to the situation so quickly. We were able to get the problem fixed. Not even the snow stops us from fixing the 'M'."

Findley and Liu said they had found Sept. 19 that someone had attempted to break into the "M" by breaking the padlock and the chain on the gate to the "M." The chain and lock was damaged from the attempt and the chain had to be cut by Public Safety because the key would no longer open the lock. The lock and chain have since been replaced.

The previous vandalism occurred the second week of school this semester. Liu and Findley found that the same bulbs stolen during this most recent incident were the same ones stolen and broken during the first vandalism.

Mines On The Charter Block

Faisal Hashem

Mines may be at the top of the list to be chartered by the state. "Ten schools are recommended for the first six charter school spots beginning next year: Mines, ..." according to the *Denver Post*.

"Deregulation may be the only option in Colorado if people really want a first class, responsive, and balanced higher education system. The system is too centralized, and rules and regulations are slowing the whole process down and getting in the way of schools accomplishing their missions," said Bill Chance, president of Northwest Education Research Center to the *Post*.

The study on updating the state's universities by creating charter schools is one in a set of independent studies costing

\$150,000.

The plan proposes to convert universities into charter schools and would impact Colorado's "sagging" school system.

Statistics show that the number of Colorado high school graduates has increased by 12.5% between 1993 and 1998. However,

college enrollment in Colorado has only gone up by 0.5% in that time period. This indicates that many high school graduates would rather pay double the tu-

ition, rather than go to school in Colorado.

"For example," says the *Post*, "Colorado School of Mines, con-

sidered the most selective school in the state, has the same funding ... as Metropolitan State, with its open enrollments and heavy

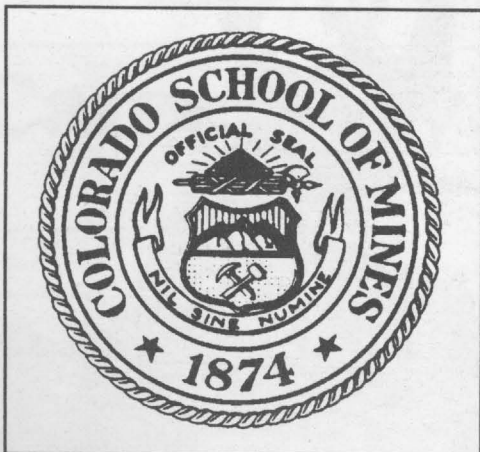
population of single and working parents." The charter schools could get around this by creating customized unique plans.

And this would also usher in

deregulation to recognize "Colorado's vast array of colleges and missions," said Tim Foster, study author to the *Post*. He went on to say that the charter has the most potential for students and taxpayers.

Though proponents will say that charter universities have no history and that they would increase tuition, those in practice "have higher tuition than other state colleges," said Chance. He went on to say, "the institutions mistrust the legislature and the legislature doubts the institutions and it's feeding off itself. This isn't getting anyone anywhere. So we're calling for collaboration with charter schools."

For more on the pros and cons of charter schools, see page ??????. Send your opinions about Mines as a charter school to oredig@mines.edu.



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Crime at Mines

Erin McLeod

Prank at KS House

The letters on the Kappa Sigma fraternity house were painted Sept. 10, though not by a KS member. The normally white letters should not be painted any other color for any reason, said a Kappa Sigma member. The "K" had been painted red and the "S" painted yellow. The member stated he thought that another fraternity might be responsible, but no suspects have been apprehended and the case is now closed.

Stolen Street Signs

While making a routine traffic stop for failure to stop at a stop sign, officers noticed street signs in the rear hatch compartment of the vehicle. The officers questioned the occupants of the car about the signs and learned that they were stolen from Aurora. The Aurora Police Department requested that the officers seize the signs and conduct a "field interview." The signs were seized and the driver of the vehicle was issued a summons for the stop sign violation, but was not charged for the possession of stolen property.

Furniture Theft

A couch and a coffee table were stolen from the Ben Parker Student Center between Sept. 8 and 9. The couch and table were previously located in the lounge area near the atrium. The couch is modern style, made of

purple cloth and manufactured by Metro Furniture Corp. The cost is estimated at \$350. The table is a 3ft by 3ft low lying coffee table costing approximately \$150. There are no suspects at this time, but any information would be appreciated.

Water Leak

On Sept. 10, a private citizen noticed water running onto the street from the heating plant on 13th Street and Cheyenne. Officers found that inside a building there, water was spraying from the water heater and there was about 2 inches of water on the floor. Appropriate action was taken and the water was shut off and evaporated or went down the drains.

Suspicious Activity

Police were dispatched to the Pi Beta Phi sorority house on Sept. 10 after a report was filed about suspicious activity outside. The informant had seen three men in front of the house, one man in the alley behind, and one man on 13th Street. Police noticed three men walking on the sidewalk in front of the house. The men were contacted and identified themselves. They stated that they were from a fraternity and were simply going for a walk. The informant confirmed that they were not the three men she had seen. The area was checked and no sign of tampering was found. The Pi Phi

house has been the victim of several pranks recently, including some break-ins.

Men Arrested

Police stopped a green pickup truck on Sept. 9 because the passenger compartment was doubly occupied, and the bed of the truck was occupied by three men. Another man wearing rollerblades was hanging onto the tailgate.

The men in the truck said they had been at the Golden City Brewery and that the driver of the truck offered to give them a ride. Not all of the parties knew each other.

The man on rollerblades was asked to provide identification and it was found that he had an outstanding warrant for failure to appear in court for a DUI. The man was put into custody and searched. He admitted to having in his possession "marijuana and a pipe." The paraphernalia were seized for the purpose of destruction and the man was taken to jail.

Statistic of the Week

Again this week I am focusing on parking tickets. For the period of Sept. 9 to Sept. 21, 375 tickets were issued and a total of \$5765 was collected for the citations. Thank you to the Colorado School of Mines Public Safety department for providing the information used in this article.

Gender in Teamwork

WISEM and EPICS team up

Agata Miodonski

Men and women contribute to teams in different ways; this seemingly self-evident truth will soon be qualitatively proven through the results of a research project being currently conducted as a joint effort of the EPICS department and WISEM.

The project, "Engineering Design Teams: Influence of Gender Composition on the Decision-Making Process," is sponsored by the National Science Foundation's Activities for Women and Girls in Science, Engineering & Mathematics program. This project examines the team decision-making process in the Mines course Engineering Practices Introductory Course Sequence (EPICS).

EPICS is a sequence of required freshman and sophomore courses in engineering design at CSM. As the first courses that students take in engineering design, EPICS has the potential of either encouraging or discouraging students' interests in engineering.

The purpose of this project is to examine the interactions that take place between young men and women during team decision making. The results of this study are likely to suggest techniques that support successful team decision making when teams differ by gender.

An immediate use of this information will be to improve the structure of the EPICS sequence at CSM. These techniques may also be taught in future EPICS and other courses to support team interactions in the classroom and, eventually, in the students' careers.

A collaborative grant has already been funded through NSF that will support the continuation of this research beyond the current semester.

Dr. Knecht has ambitions of expanding this research well beyond the EPICS classroom. As part of the collaborative grant, a plan will be developed to investigate the impact that gender has on teams that form in upper division undergraduate courses, graduate courses and industry.

Dr. Knecht believes that this research will directly contribute to improving the experiences of gender mixed teams both at school and in the workplace.

The researchers would like to thank the EPICS instructors and their students for contributing to this important research effort. Also, thanks to Barbara Moskal for the information in this article.

Additional information about the project is available at: <https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/servlet/showaward?award=9979444>

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It's A Miners Paradise Homecoming 2000

This year the Mines Activity Council is looking forward to making Homecoming 2000 something fun and exciting for all of the students on the Colorado School of Mines campus. Homecoming is the weekend of October 20th and 21st. Homecoming meetings are every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in Alderson Hall room 141. Everyone is welcome to come and help out. Volunteers are needed to help now as well as when Homecoming approaches, volunteers will receive food and a homecoming 2000 tee shirt.

FRIDAY, OCT. 20

11:30 - 1:00 SILVER AND BLUE LUNCHEON Friedoff Hall
Sponsored by Athletics and the Silver and Blue Club, this luncheon features the introduction of all of the queen and beast candidates, as well as a featured speaker.

4:00 - 6:30 EVENTS IM Field
This year events will include the Tug-o-war, Bat Race, Potato Sack Race, Balloon Toss, and a six-person duct tape race. This year prizes will be offered to both organizations and individuals or individual teams for each event, so feel free to get together with a group of friends and come out and join the fun. In addition to the traditional events, there will be novelty events so spectators can also enjoy themselves.

4:00 - 6:30 CHILI AND WING COOKOFF IM Field
Free to all; come sample several types of chili and wings while enjoying the traditional and novelty events.

7:00 - (9:00) VOLLEYBALL GAME Volk Gym
CSM vs. Colorado Christian

After Volleyball PEP RALLY AND BONFIRE Clay Pits

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:00 - 10:00 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST Downtown
Sponsored by the Kawanis Club, for five dollars you can enjoy all you can eat pancakes, sausage, coffee, and juice before watching the parade.

10:00 - 11:00 PARADE Downtown
The Homecoming Parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. This year's theme is It's a Miners Paradise, we encourage all clubs and organizations to participate by building floats, decorating cars, or just walking. Come show your school spirit and see what your fellow Miners come up with. The parade will run through downtown Golden.

12:00 - 1:00 LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:00 - 4:00 FOOTBALL GAME Brooks Field
CSM vs. Mesa State

4:00 - 6:00 POWDER PUFF GAME AND BAR-B-Q Brooks Field

Public Safety on the Lookout

Zach Dezman

Officer Mari Gardner reported a recent series of vending machine theft, especially of the Coolbaugh Hall 1st floor candy machine. The security camera recording at that spot has also been stolen. Gardner stated that, though they are in the process of retrieving the security tape, the thieves probably wore masks. She has been on the lookout every night since, as it can only lead to another robbery,

now that the thieves won't be on camera. As a preventive measure, she advises students and faculty working at night to always check that the doors are locked and that they close securely.

In related news another series of crimes on campus deals with breaking and entering of cars. Several cars have been broken into and had items stolen from them.

Issues Surrounding Charter Universities

Colleges are free to self regulate

They can test alternative academic and tuition policies

Lump sum appropriations plus inflation and enrollment growth

Freedom to control spending

Must agree to provide more efficient and effective education during 5 year charter

Must meet certain performance measure agreed upon by the university and the state

Procedural freedom from purchasing, staffing, and private fund capital requirements

State safety and auditing regulations still apply

Universities lose their charter for non-performance of promise

Biggest Career Day Fills Fieldhouse

Ron Brummet

The second Tuesday in September marks the annual CSM Fall Career Day. This event is the closest thing to having a job fall on you as you're walking across the commons. This year's gigantic career event was no exception.

One hundred and thirty-four employers attended this year (119 last year) requesting every major and degree offered at Mines. Companies represented such industries as high tech, communications, manufacturing, energy, consulting and mining, to name just a few. With the booming economy, employers compete for CSM's talented students, luring them to their booths with every thing from toys to t-shirts. In exchange, company representatives want to see resumes and spend a few moments getting to know you.

The rewards of spending a few moments of your time can of-

ten be great.

Many of the Career Day

employers return to campus in October and November to

interview students. But some companies invite students for a plant visit and don't return to campus. So, it's best to make company contacts at the fair. Whatever next steps a company may take, they had wonderful things to say about Mines students.

"Excellent students," was the comment from a new company to recruit at Mines, Co-Create Software. Dow Chemical, a long-time recruiter at Mines, commented, "Student well prepped!" The CSM Career Center thanks all those well prepared students who attended, and gives special thanks to the CSM Athletic Department for use of the fieldhouse, Gary McDowell (CSM Warehouse) for handling the freight, and Blue Key for its work making this year's Career Day a huge success.



Photo by Douglas Baldwin

Students walk around the fieldhouse talking to company representatives and getting information about possible careers.

CSM Salutes Acclaimed Steelmaker and Student Scholars

Selected by *New Steel* magazine and author Tom Peters as Chief Executive Officer of the Year in 1987, Dr. Forward, together with Andrew Carnegie, J.P. Morgan, Charles Schwab and seven others, were chosen as the most influential Executives in the U.S. Steel Industry in the 20th century. Steelmaker of the Year in 1997, Dr. Gordon E. Forward spoke at Colorado School of Mines on Sept. 11 at the semi-annual meeting of the School's Advanced Steel Processing and Products Research Center.

His speech, "Challenges and Opportunities for Steel in the 21st Century," was CSM's first Iron and

Steel Society Distinguished Lecture, a program aimed at attract-

ing students to careers in the iron and steel industry.

Forward, currently vice chairman of the board of TXI, was

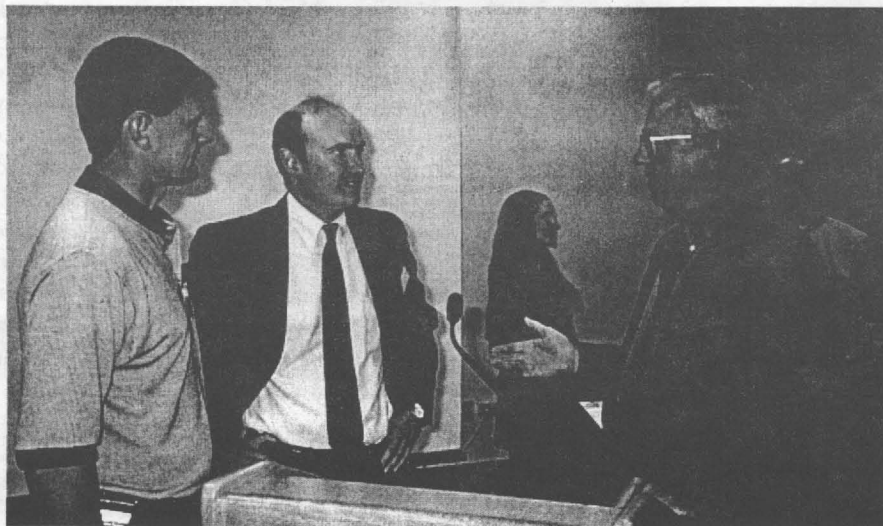
president and chief executive officer of Chaparral Steel from 1982 to 1998. *Fortune* magazine in 1984 named Chaparral Steel one of the 10 best managed manufacturing companies in America.

During the program three students were presented with scholarships. Freshmen Christopher Kern and Adam Shutts received the Iron and Steel Society Scholarship at the Colorado School of Mines. Senior Kip Findley received the Iron and Steel Society

Foundation's 2000/2001 Benjamin F. Fairless Scholarship.

The lecture was attended by more than 140 CSM students, faculty, and industry visitors, and provided an outstanding opportunity for students to interact with industry professionals. Dr. Forward talked about benefits to industry of new technology and the importance of human aspects in being successful. He specifically mentioned that more engineers are needed in corporate boardrooms, and challenged the CSM students to set high goals for themselves.

Thanks go to the office of public affairs and department of metallurgical and materials engineering for their assistance with the information and photograph.



Mike Lindsey from Chaparral Steel and CSM alumnus, professor John Speer from metallurgical and material engineering, Michelle Anderson, senior and Met Sci/Eng club officer, Dr. Gordon Edwards, guest, and Bryan Vaughn with US Steel and CSM alumnus.

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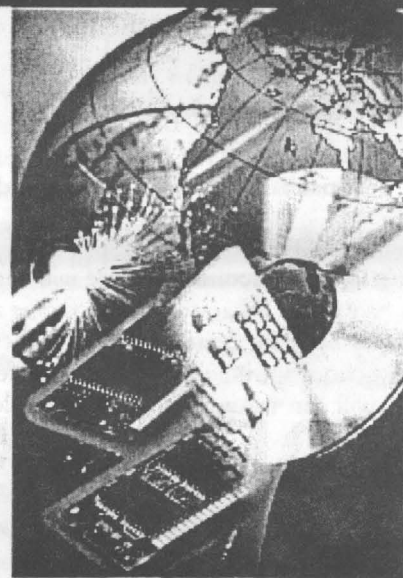
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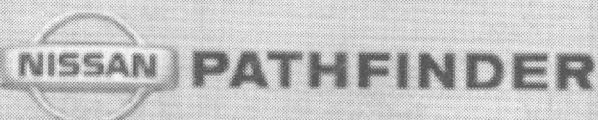
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Debate Evaluates Tough Issues

Loic Wagner

Three politicians voiced their views in a debate organized by the Circle K international Club of the Colorado School of Mines last Thursday evening.

These candidates were running for offices in the Colorado House of Representatives as well as the United States congress House of Representatives.

Libertarian Adam Katz (running for United States House of Representatives) joined Democrats Bill Astle (running for the Colorado House of Representatives) and Ken Toltz (running for U.S. House) in a debate that Republicans John Witwer (CO House) and Tom Tancredo (US House) did not attend.

For more information, please see editorial by Mike Thornbrue on page 11.

Following is a summary of what each candidate had to say on some of the issues discussed.

Candidate	Astle	Katz	Toltz
Most pressing issues	Education reform – would like to decrease the amounts of tests taken throughout all levels of school (IOWA EXAMS, etc.) and use the money that is spent on testing to increase school funding. Tax surplus – reduce state tax from 3% to 2%	Increased publicity for 3 rd party candidates, which are literally ignored by the press and media. Would like freedom of knowledge given back to the nation's people by ensuring equal coverage of every party. Would like to see the federal government reduced in size. Wants to return "stolen" tax surplus to the people.	Closing gunshow loophole. Lower national debt with the surplus. Would like to see some of the surplus money go to social security and investing for the future. Reduce punitive taxes (marriage penalty etc).
Gun Control	Believes in right to own guns, however, he wants to close the gunshow loophole and make background checks necessary to purchase guns.	Wants to return power to the people, therefore the people should decide on all issues.	Favors closing the gunshow loophole, as do, according to him, 80% of Coloradans.
Social Security	Supportive of initiative 83.	Claims that 12.4% of taxes go to social security. He would like to put an end to this by privatizing social security.	Against privatization of social security because it cheats today's older population from getting the money they have been paying for.
Growth	Pro initiative 24, which would require each city and count of Colorado to make a growth plan that would be enforceable, comprehensive and coordinated	Supportive of giving the people the power and responsibility to plan growth.	Believes Colorado is growing too fast and hence wants better managed growth.
Legalization of marijuana	Supportive of making marijuana a prescription drug.	Has an anti-prohibition, power to the people platform, and hence is pro legalization.	Supports DARE program. Believes in educating people so as to control the demand, for marijuana rather than the supply.
Affirmative Action And Disabilities Act	Wants to solve the problem at the roots by making education an equal opportunity for everyone. Believes making buildings accessible to handicaps is not enough. Must expand to areas such as natural parks.	Believes affirmative action is unnecessary as long as education is equal.	Pro disabilities act in principle, however considers it too reactive.
Making Mines a charter school	Pro – would give more power to the CSM board of trustees.	Pro	Unconcerned

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Rusty Lannin

I have said many different things about England, but I have not said this: England is amazing. There is so much history packed into such a small place you would never have known. Even the cobblestones on High Street in Guildford have more history than you could ever guess. Kings probably walked where you are walking now. London bridge is now in Arizona; Tower bridge (the one the Arizona people thought they were buying) is impressive, Buckingham Palace is a real now-a-days place where kings and queens still live. The weird thing is, you do not really let it affect you until something happens.

There was a pub called The Ram which acted at the university I was at the way Coors lab does at Mines. Everyone at the University knew about it; most people had even spent an evening or two there. Others (including myself) have even christened the grass and bushes nearby. The building that this pub was in is nearly 400 years old. It was actually in the middle of a small neighborhood. There was a small creek that ran through the back yard and a playground just beyond that. The Ram was famous because it brews its own ciders anywhere from 8 to 15%. Usually it was around \$3.50 for a pint but on student nights it was \$2. The record of pints drunken was said to be 9 in one sitting.

About a month after I had spent my 21st birthday there (in

which I had 7 pints), a shock went through the campus. It was even the lead story in the paper that The Ram was closing. After 3 plus centuries of business it was closing its doors. This happens as an effect to the British Government implementing new rules about fire exits and capacity. For the Ram it would have been impossible to update itself, thus having it close its doors one last time.

The last weekend that it was open loads of students were on the train and some even rented a bus to get to The Ram. The whole community was there along with a band. For the entire evening people danced, drank, and were merry. It was a true expression of the way the community felt about The Ram and everyone just wanted to say thanks.

Then The Ram was closed. Just another building that is centuries old and looks quite nice. Much unlike in the States, you cannot touch a building 75 years old that's falling down. There are buildings that have been through 2 great wars, along next to the new generation of their counterpart.

The cobblestones on high street are from around 1750 and are turned over ever 50 years and still look new. It is quite astonishing just how historic everything around there can be.

If you want to do this crazy stuff contact OIP in Stratton 109, and talk to Kay for your opportunity to study abroad. Enjoy.

E-Days is Coming APRIL 5-7

Applications are currently being accepted for the position of E-DAYS CHAIR



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Interviews will begin October 1st and continue until the position is filled.

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If you have any questions of what the job entails or about the application process, contact Jessica Jordet at 303-273-3997 or jjordet@mines.edu.

There's a Disco in my Dormitory

Joshua Boge

I made it here alive, barely. As if an eight-hour plane trip followed by a seven-hour train ride wasn't bad enough, I arrived to my hostel to be told that I could not get into my room that night. Fortunately I was talking to some friendly Hungarian students who offered to let me stay in their room for the night.

Now three weeks have past and I've not only gotten into my room but discovered a lot of very interesting things about Budapest and Europe in general. Since I'm on the topic of my room, let's talk about the dorms. When I think of my old room Thomas 214, I think of a luxury hotel compared to this place. This dormitory is actually similar to the ones at Mines, just add a little space, two more beds, and a small bathroom (shower not

toilet) and storage area. Then add to that cockroaches. Also subtract the phone line, high speed internet connection, and 110V electricity. And, while it's dirty and lacks a working shower drain, it only costs 4700 Forints (HUF) per month. Right now the exchange rate is about 300 HUF to one US dollar. I know most of you are good at math, but for those of you taking Calc for the fourth time that's about 15 USD per month.

And that's not the end. Today I went to a restaurant near the tourist part of the city and paid 5 USD for a meal including tip. At the pizzeria near my dorm you can get a fairly tasty pizza and drink for 3 USD. Last night at the club I went to a 0.5 Liter beer (~18 ounces) was 33 cents and a double shot rum and

coke was about 80 cents. Some things are comparable to the US though, such as Levi's, Nike shoes, and things like that.

Say you want to go out and have some fun on a Wednesday night? Just walk out the door of your dorm room and go to the ground floor to find 3-400 people dancing at the disco that's happening in your dormitory. In my dorm there is also a bar in the basement that was still pumping the music out at eight when I was going to class on Friday. There's no laws about the bars closing at two around here, so if you want to continue drinking and dancing until five or six feel free.

And in these clubs that serve cheap alcohol and stay open late there are women. Women that make me glad I like women.

And they're not only in the clubs, they're everywhere - in the street, on the tram, and especially in the expensive mall (the Cherry Creek of Budapest). The best part is that in Budapest it's not a crime to wear something very small and tight. Unfortunately for myself I do not speak Hungarian, and I've learned that "Do you speak English?" is not a good pick-up line. Score: Joshua zero.

I've met a lot of different people while here. I've met people from Finland, Spain, Russia, Italy, Yugoslavia, New Hampshire (may as well be a foreign country), Japan, France, and, of course, Hungary. Most everyone I've met has been friendly, excluding one large, somewhat unfriendly gentleman who this evening instructed me

not to use the hot water in the shower. Quite an interesting thing: if you run into an older Hungarian that says something to you and you respond with a puzzled look, they continue to say the same phrase louder in Hungarian again, and if you still don't understand then maybe they'll talk to you in German.

Classes have started, but I've been having problems finding them. Where the class is and where you are told the class is are quite possibly two separate places. I'm not sure I'm taking enough classes, but I'm going to try to join some next week. I'm not sure how many credits are going to transfer back to Mines, but right now those concerns are secondary. It's eleven on Saturday night, so now is the time to dance and drink.

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accompanying various shows.

Led by acclaimed director and conductor Dr. William Morse, the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra started on the Colorado School of Mines campus by a few faculty members and has been linked with Mines ever since. They currently perform on Sundays in Bunker Auditorium during the months of October, December, February, March, and May. Current volunteer members of the orchestra include students and faculty

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The orchestra is currently looking for classical musicians to audition for spots, especially in the strings and trombone sections. Auditions will take place during October, to be arranged by Dr. Morse. Call the symphony office at 303-278-4237 or the music director at 303-670-8531 for more information or to make an appointment.



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"Mines community *can* adapt" said Mel Kirk, Colorado School of Mines counselor while trekking down memory lane with me. He believes that the freshman population today is as bright as ever and yet a bit more representative of the general masses (less nerdy) than past generations. Perhaps more socially savvy.

Freshmen, to me, are the special ones. Their's is the burden of uncertainty. Happily that goes away quickly enough. Mel says that they are willing to discuss and deal with issues that not too long ago carried a "stigma" and everyone just ignored them.

My opinion...it's that Internet chat is exacerbating an already socially uncomfortable generation, now given more to interaction in a virtual society than real life right outside their door. They seem to spend more time in front of the computer and less time out among people.

Mel's opinion...they'll be ok.

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Mel believes that the "Mines work load" is tolerable because Mines students are driven. Some however need some direction in

time management, others are on track. We both agreed that a strong academic institution would tend to tax the social experience.

For any student wanting real connectivity with their issues, direction, options, or alternatives, help is available for you at the Student Development Center. Mel concluded our interview saying that "overall the general health of Mines students is good. We're here to help them to find their horizons and their focus."

Faisal Hashem

Cassia's Advice

Dear Cassia

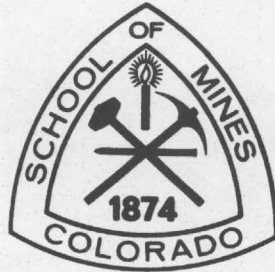
I met a great guy at work over the summer and we had a great time together. We only dated for a few weeks. We spent so much time together- we went out to dinner, went to parties, and even did little things like went grocery shopping together. Our dates were all day events to nearby cities just checking things out and we even went to a black tie event together. It was great. Then school started (he lives in another state) so I had to come back. I know it was probably only a summer fling but I'd like to get to know him better. I'm not interested in any sort of long distance thing- just friends. How do I keep in touch without giving him the wrong idea? Summer Lover

Dear Summer Lover,

Have you seen "Grease" lately? Seems summer romance has been the theme lately- can't imagine why... Congratulations on a wonderful summer- mine wasn't nearly so exciting. I'm impressed that you can realize that the summer is over and from the sounds of it, so is the relationship. It sounds as if you haven't heard from this boy wonder so you're probably right that it's not so wise to try and continue a long-distance relationship. The confusing part is that you two obviously had a great time together over the summer and now you haven't heard from him. Oh well- you want to know how to keep in touch. Send an email- just say hello and drop a few lines. Tell him how much fun you're having and any short event in your life (I went to a great party last night... I just aced my first Calc exam... That sort of thing). Then you have to wait for a response. I would avoid getting to sentimental and emotional just yet- he'd probably think you're much more into a long distance relationship than just being friends. From all the fun you two had, he's probably a pretty good guy and will email you back sometime soon. Best of luck and hopefully you two will become great friends. Just remember- take it slow or you may send the wrong impression to him. Have fun and relax- things will work out

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Letter to the Editor

Can Science Be Too Successful?

Perhaps Psychological Tests and Mandatory Oaths are a Solution

As a student at the Cherry Creek High School, I received many lessons in how to be successful and how to be recognized in the modern society.

Never did they tell me that a human being could be too successful. It was only when I came to the School of Mines, to my Nature and Human Values course with Dr. Carl Mitcham, did I find out that science can, and will, soon be harmful.

Ever since I was three years old, I knew that I would become a scientist. As I used to say, "invent stuff."

Throughout my education, I wanted to progress in all aspects of science: medicine, engineering, and astronomy. Everything was interesting to me.

For every discomfort that I encountered, I already had a technological solution. Did the blind spots in your car cause you to get in an accident? Let's invent eyeglasses that would work similarly to the virtual reality glasses. That would solve two problems at the same time: blind spots and human distractions in the car.

When I looked into the problem of blindness, I worked out a solution almost on the spot: artificial eyes that would send messages to the brain through the optic nerve.

Many of my "inventions" had already formed in my mind. I wanted to help the society overcome its problems with easy solutions. Unfortunately, I had never considered the consequences.

I, as many others, never thought how my inventions might influence our world in a bad way. Most scientists don't. Why would they? All they want is to help people. They might have never considered the mass-destruction of the human race or testing on human beings.

The only problem is, there are too many people that do; people that want to use those scientists' inventions for the farm of civilization or even for the extinction for the human race.

If I did invent those automobile eyeglasses, for a long time they would help people. Although, that gives the possibility to someone to take anger out through my invention by simply injecting a computer virus into those eyeglasses and cause numerous deaths.

Bill Joy, in his article "Why the Future Doesn't Need Us," published in *Wired* magazine, has correctly pointed out many ways that robotics can take over the human race once we become completely dependent on them. I value his point greatly.

What worries me more is the human interaction with robotics and information technology in general.

Two thousand years ago, in order to destroy the whole world, you would have needed to cut everyone's head off. Two hundred years ago you would have had to shoot everyone. By the year 2200, you would only need to insert a virus into a major computer.

There are computers that control electricity. Why not simply hack into them and leave the whole country without electricity for a year? Or for a decade? Or forever? What stops someone from artificially recreating the Y2K problem? Nothing.

I cannot propose that we halt scientific research in robotics completely. That would be insane. So much of what we create is used for the good of humankind.

I do have an idea in mind, though. I suggest that engineering scientists would have to take a similar oath to that which the medical doctors do.

I believe that morality and ethics should influence what we do. I also believe that any student being educated in the higher level science be tested on their psychological level.

A "mad scientist" is not merely a funny idea; it is a true consequence of the scientific world. They are not mad people, they are mad about their work.

For example, the father of the atomic bomb, Oppenheimer, was a brilliant man, but mad about his work, he became responsible for thousands of deaths.

How do you know that you are just enjoying science and not being driven by it? When do you know to stop adding to your creation? These are all valid questions that every scientist should keep in mind at all times. But not everyone does.

In Nature and Human Values we have studied the scientists' reaction to the atomic bomb. Why did we keep developing it after we knew that Nazis weren't a threat to us? Was it the politics or the human interest in this project? Why didn't all of the creators just walk away from their project? They, the "mad scientists," had to see the result of their "baby."

In his article, Bill Joy mentions Pugwash, an organization he founded that targets problems of ethics and morality in scientists. I would like to propose something even further than an optional oath.

I want to propose an oath that will have to be taken by all scientists. I want to propose that we enforce psychological tests on scientists all over the world.

In order to escape the horrible death of our society, we should start with our own minds.

Galina Dvorkina

CSM Hosts One-Sided Debate

Candidates running for some of Colorado's legislative offices met at CSM last Thursday to debate the issues of this election. CSM Circle K sponsored the debate and invited Bill Astle (D), John Witwer (R), Ken Toltz (D), Tom Tancredo (R), and Adam Katz (L) to participate. The debate opened with a three-minute statement from each candidate, then moved on through a series of questions where each candidate was allowed two minutes to present their argument, and finished with a three-minute closing statement. Finally, after the debate concluded, Circle K held a mock election.

Unfortunately, things did not go as planned. Tom Tancredo and John Witwer did not attend the debate. To make matters worse, both candidates are incumbents from the same party leaving the Republican Party without representation in the debate.

U.S. Congressman Tom Tancredo represents Colorado District 6 in the U.S. House of Representatives. On Thursday night, he could not attend the debate because he was in Washington and could not find someone to represent him. This left Congressman Tancredo open to direct attack from his opponent Ken Toltz.

Colorado State Representative John Witwer for Colorado House District 25 did not attend the debate for two reasons. First, he didn't understand the debate format. Second, because his opponent Bill Astle is a former Mines professor, he felt that the debate would not be fair towards him.

Questions at Thursday's debate had a very wide range. Two of the questions dealt directly with Mines. Bill Astle had the most to say on these issues because he was a professor at Mines. However, neither Ken Toltz nor Adam Katz had opinions on the issues, which Adam Katz simply stated and sat down. Ken Toltz was not so gracious. He stated that he did not have an opinion, then proceeded to viciously attack his absent opponent on whatever subject he felt like.

Other questions took a wide range from the legalization of marijuana to campaign finance reform, and from hate crimes to increasing academic performance. While the debate topics were well chosen and logical, the debate as a whole was reduced to one-sided mud slinging. The absence of a Republican representative made this debate little more than three directed campaign speeches.

Ken Toltz used every opportunity to attack Tom Tancredo. This is exactly the kind of underhanded, mind-numbing, un-

ethical, mud-slinging, waste-of-time campaigning that I am sick of. By the end of the night, I couldn't decide if Mr. Toltz really cared about the issues or not.

At the end of the night, after all of the mud had fallen, Circle K held a mock election. The results came back as expected. Approximately 18 ballots were cast. Ken Toltz defeated his absent opponent 14 to 3 leaving Adam Katz with 2 votes. Bill Astle triumphed over the missing John Witwer by a score of 16 to 1.

Overall, Thursday's debate could have been much better. In fact, Circle K did a wonderful job setting it up. Bill Astle made a good presentation of the issues. His arguments were well thought out and his solutions to different problems might actually have a chance at working. Adam Katz also made a good presentation. Had he been more prepared for the debate, he would have been a much bigger factor. Ken Toltz tried to appear as the lesser of two evils. However, if he wants to accomplish this feat he is going to have to change his approach. By slinging more mud than I could shovel in a week, he came across as the worst choice by far. However, without both parties being represented, the end result was not much of a debate.

Retiring two years ago, Bill Astle had spent 31 years at CSM with the Math and Computer Science Department, teaching probability and statistics. He considers himself to be a moderate Democrat basing his platform on improving education from early childhood through college, encouraging cities and counties to plan for dealing with growth, reforming campaign finance, and closing the gun-show loophole.

Ken Toltz is a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives Colorado District 6. His platform is based on improving health care and education, protecting social security, and establishing background checks for all gun sales at gun shows.

Adam Katz, a Libertarian running for the U.S. House of Representatives Colorado District 6, spent several years in the U.S. Navy stationed in Japan. He bases his platform on a free market economy, individual responsibility, lack of prohibition, personal liberty, and a foreign policy based on peace and non-intervention.

Above all else, get registered and vote in November. There is still plenty of time to register and voting doesn't take much time out of your day. There is no greater right than the right to vote. Please don't let your voice go unheard.

Mike Thornbrue

Greener Pastures

Ralph Nader is the Highlight Among Gray Dullness of Election 2000

For a week now, I've sat down at this computer to begin a classical argument in regard to the candidates in this year's presidential showdown. I've read the issues, watched the interviews, and even tuned in to some hot debates broadcast on NPR (National Public Radio), and am still left without a distinct notion as to what kind of candidates George Bush and Al Gore are. Bush makes headlines with subliminal message scandals and snide remarks aimed at lowly reporters, and Gore, well... something about healthcare and prescription drugs - it's of little wonder that voting rates are plummeting like lead bricks in a forgotten sea, when the shootout is so outrageously dull.

In a time when the line between the candidates is fading into a gray dullness, when the country operates economically like a well-oiled and fine-tuned Rolls Royce, what could a candidate such as Bush or Gore possibly have to say to inspire a nation to rally behind his cause? Al Gore might have you believe that the rallying cry of the populous should be "health care" and "prescription plan" or maybe "middle class tax breaks" - (I just let out an uninspired Hooray!). Meanwhile, George Bush has still been bickering about the faithless and Godless scandals of Bill Clinton ever since the Republican Convention - (if Bush didn't notice, during the entire Lewinsky affair, public support of the popular President wavered as much as the Washington Monument on a still day in November...why harp on it-it's not an issue.) This election is like a bad joke and the only public rallying cry that will be heard come November will be a collective sigh of relief that this dreadful campaign is over.

However, in the midst of this contest that holds all the excitement of watching grass grow, there are greener pastures. Jesse Ventura sent out the first cry to a nation of bored youth when he took the reins as Minnesota's governor (and while he hasn't body-slammed any politicians yet, his term has still been interesting). Angus S. King Jr., another independent candidate, did the same in

Maine.

In fact, the highest voter turnouts of any two states in the last gubernatorial election came from the elections of Ventura and King Jr. John McCain, although a Republican and not an independent, stirred things up all spring with talk of campaign finance reform, but then gave his support to George Bush as the Republican representative. All these individuals, in addition to Green Party candidate Ralph Nader, are idealists and visionaries. They are leaders.

Ralph Nader has been throwing stones since 1965 when he published *Unsafe at Any Speed: The Designed-in Dangers of*

Ralph Nader in an interview in the *Austin Chronicle*, "The difference [between Bush and Gore] is the velocity with which their knees hit the floor when corporations knock on their door." Puppets and figureheads are all the candidates are in the two party contest. A vote for Nader might not swing the election, but it will be a vote for an appropriate leader.

Finally consider these quotes (and visit www.votenader.com)...

"I want to be President for a very simple reason: because this country needs a very strong progressive movement that

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Vote in Election 2000

At Campus Green Vote, we encourage people to vote with the environment in mind. For the fall, CGV has joined with Colorado Youth Vote 2000. The goal is to register 10,000 young people across Colorado and educate 40,000. My intentions are simple: I want to register 150 students here at CSM, then educate many more on the importance of voting. I have already enlisted the help of the Circle K club.

During National Voter Registration Week, 9/25 to 10/1, we aim to heighten the awareness among students to register to vote. I strongly believe that voting in the upcoming election is important for every student. Please contact Toni Cisar at tcisar@mines.edu for more information.

the American Automobile, which attacked General Motors and forced them to admit wrongdoing before a Senate committee, ultimately inspiring a series of laws to make changes for safer automobiles. His attacking corporate injustice continued, and in 1971 he founded Public Citizen (now headed by Joan Claybrook) for consumer justice and government and corporate responsibility.

The muckraker and consumer crusader launched the modern consumer movement. As quoted by former U.S. Senator James Abourezk, "For the first time in U.S. history, a movement exists whose sole purpose is to keep large corporations and the government honest."

Bush and Gore don't stand for you. They stand wherever their corporate support wants them to stand-money talks. Said

power over our government has turned that government frequently against its own people, denying its people their sovereignty to shape their future. Again and again, the will of the people has been thwarted and the voice of the people to protest has been muted." (Nomination Acceptance Speech, 6-25-00)

"Over the past 20 years we have seen the unfortunate resurgence of big business influence, generating its unique brand of wreckage, propaganda and ultimatums on American labor, consumers, taxpayers and most generically, American voters. Big business has been colliding with American democracy and democracy has been losing." (Nomination Acceptance Speech, 6-25-00)

Chris Fabian

A Travesty by Granola-Eating Tree-Lovers

Earthworks, CSM's most suspicious environmental organization, is holding a contest to find ways of making CSM more environmentally sound.

In a devious political move, Earthworks is offering \$50 cash to the person with the best idea, and bribing 2nd and 3rd runners up with tie-died t-shirts. They want anyone with ideas about environmental practice to e-mail

Earthworks@mines.edu by Dec. 1st.

Earthworks, a club long known for its Birkenstock-wearing, aluminum can recycling, tree-hugger agenda even plans to rally behind this environmental idea and bring it to the awareness of the CSM President and other officials.

"See," said a girl named Katie "They're infiltrating the highest

levels of government."

"Next thing you know" said one freshman, a look of hurt and anger in his eyes "they will be planting trees everywhere and expecting us to recycle."

When the the Earthworks members were contacted for a press statement, their only response was "no comment."

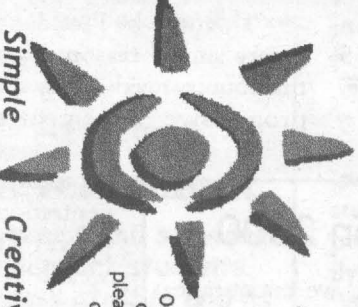
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By: Keith T. Crowe

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Nancy Smith and Nancy Taylor Mason started Baby Doe's Clothing approximately a year ago. Both Nancys are long time residents of Golden and wanted to start clothing store downtown, with quality clothes and reasonable prices. After deciding on all of this they needed a name. Baby Doe Tabor was the second wife of Horace Tabor, a historical figure in Colorado, and provided an original name for their new establishment.

I was impressed by the selection of clothes for college students they had, and pleased to hear of the upcoming sale which Baby Doe's clothing has invited us all to. From Sept. 29 to Oct. 7, Nancy and Nancy are marking down prices on all of their winter Carhart and Filson products by 25%. Two wonderful ladies who want to see you there.

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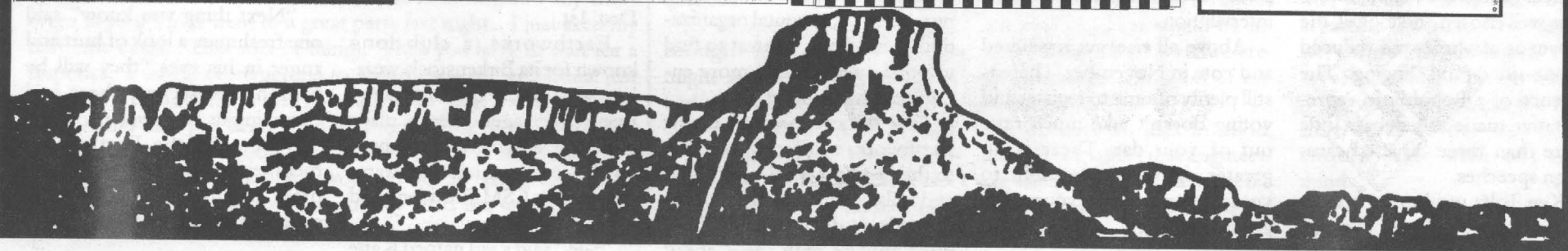
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Bright and early each Saturday during ski season, a shuttle leaves the ORC headed for a local ski area. Specific dates are

telemark lessons. Of course, there are activities that are just plain fun: ice skating, tubing, hiking, birding and rollerblading. Just ask any of the students who help make the ORC an informative and fun place to work and play...they've all "been there, done that!"

April Idar

I'm a senior majoring in geological engineering, from Los Alamos, N.M. My interests include mountain biking, rock climbing, hanging out with my friends, having adventures, looking at rocks, watershed restoration (drain Lake Powell!), reading good books (especially Edward Abbey), listening to Jimi Hendrix, and eating lots of New Mexico green chile. I'm really excited to be taking the fall semester off for the Wilderness Leadership Semester course with Colorado Outward Bound.

Khris Kircher

I'm a senior in petroleum en-

mer in Texas practicing my Spanish and working for Schlumberger. I am a blackbelt in Kenpo and really like teaching at a local dojang. I like mountain biking and rock climbing when the sun is out. Oh, roller hockey is good fun too. When it's snowing, I like to hit the slopes and go skiing.

Ben George

Originally I am from Eau Claire, Wisc., born and raised, but have fallen for the mountains. As a result, I am majoring in geological engineering, working on the five-year plan. I am interested in various outdoor activities such as camping, hiking, biking, rock climbing, sailing, etc. I am also a soccer player. This past semester I attended school in Budapest, Hungary. There I was able to escape the pressure of everyday technical classes that Mines students know so well. This is technically my "senior" year, but as I stated, I will be here for yet another

Paul Adams

I am a master's student in applied mathematics. I work at the ORC maintaining the mountain bikes and also teach computer-aided drafting. In my (scarce) free time I enjoy biking on trails, rock climbing, singing, playing guitar, and watching films. My best mountain-bike crash was in Winter Park when I did a Superman impression and slid along the ground at 30 mph, nearly removing my right nipple.

Steve Grigel (written by Darren)

Steve is a senior at Mines majoring in mechanical engineering with a minor in economics and business. As an avid mountaineer, rock climber, and backpacker, Steve utilizes his leadership and knowledge to succeed in his backcountry adventures.

Darren Mabe (written by Steve)

Darren is a senior at Mines majoring in mechanical engineering with a minor in physical met-

include all aspects of rock climbing and winter mountaineering. This summer, Darren was able to push his limits in The Valley.

This year Darren and Steve hope to apply their knowledge, skill, and safety towards some exciting ORC trips.

Jodi Kiefer

I'm a senior majoring in computer science from Westminster, Colo. I took the last fall semester off to participate in Colorado Outward Bound's Leadership Semester Course. (It was awesome!) I spent the summer in beautiful Marble, Colo., in the middle of the mountains working for Outward Bound. My interests include backpacking, rock climbing, mountain biking, snowboarding, and pretty much anything else that has to do with the outdoors. I am a captain of the CSM Women's Club Soccer Team and I'm also currently coaching a under-11 girls soccer team in Wheat Ridge.



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CSM Oredigger Volleyball Loses to Kearny, Regis, and Christian... Defeats Chaldron

Karen Martin

Last weekend the Oredigger volleyball team matched up against Kearney on Friday and Ft. Hays on Saturday.

The diggers lost to Kearney in three games: 10-15, 17-19, 11-15.

"The team did well at that level of intensity," said Coach Harris. "We really should have won the second game and that would have given us a needed momentum."

The team beat Ft. Hays in three games: 15-7, 15-7, 15-7. "We came out strong and stayed strong. We did a good job," said Harris. "Heather Booker had a good weekend. She is playing very consistently right now. She did a nice job at the net as well as in the back row."

Tuesday the Diggers traveled to Regis and were defeated in

three games: 15-6, 15-9, 15-2. "We had a legitimate chance of winning," commented Harris. "We made all of the mistakes. We beat ourselves."

"It's not about anyone else or how they play," she continued, "It's all about us." The Miners play Metro on Friday, at Metro and Colorado College on Saturday at home. "If we put our game together, we should come out ahead."

The CSM Oredigger volleyball team traveled to Colorado Christian University on Friday night where they were defeated by the Cougars in three games:

11-15, 13-15, 6-15.

"We were more ready than we have ever been to play CCU. Things were just out of sync," said Coach Harris.

Harris viewed the game as a

learning experience. "I saw some things that I hadn't seen before, some mistakes that needed to be fixed. As long as we can learn from the match, it can be looked at as a success."

On Saturday night the Orediggers traveled to Chadron, Neb.

The Diggers beat Chadron in three games: 15-9, 15-11, 15-10. Laurie Alzheimer had a match

high 17 kills, with a .371 hitting average.

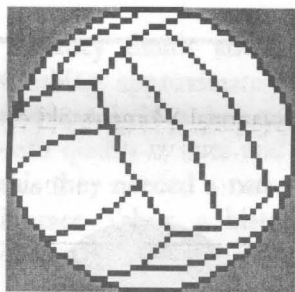
Leading the team in hitting percentage was Heather Booker with a .538 percentage for the night.

"The team passed well, hit well, played well, it all came together. It was a more complete game for us," said Booker.

The team traveled to Greeley on Saturday where they lost to UNC.

This week at practice the main focus has been the mental part of the game.

This weekend, the Orediggers take on Kearney and Ft. Hays at home. "We have played our last 11 matches on the road and we are ready to be home," said Harris. "Being at home is huge for us."



Mines Soccer Back on Track

Reece Bollinger

The Oredigger soccer team (7-2-1, 2-1-0 RMAC) is back on the winning side of things after dropping two. On September 20th, the Diggers beat Regis University 2-1. In the win, Marc Miller (7) and Nico D'Allesandro (4) had the goals. Miller's goal was assisted by John Bills. The rough match resulted in five yellow cards and two red cards for



Regis and two yellow cards for Mines. On September 24, Mines snatched a win from University of Southern Colorado 2-1. In Pueblo, the Diggers got goals from Jared Peacock (1) and Victor Chieduko (4).

Peacock received the pass from James Trask.

The Orediggers will play next at Colorado Christian tomorrow and Sunday in Golden against nationally-ranked Metro State College.

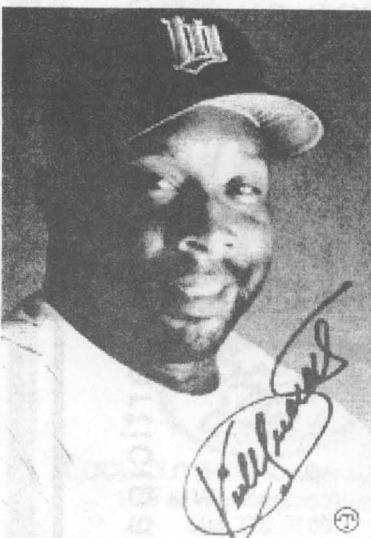
Around the RMAC

Reece Bollinger

Soccer: Brian Kerr, a freshman goal keeper from Rochester, Minn., was selected as the RMAC defensive player of the week for the period ending September 12th. Currently, Kerr is only allowing .89 goals against per game. He also has four shut-outs.

Football: Sophomore kicker Josh Hodsdon from Denver (South) was named RMAC special teams player of the week for the period ending September 18th. Against Chadron State, Hodsdon broke a RMAC record by punting the ball 528 total yards in 12 kicks. His long was a booming 84 yards.

Baseball All-Star Kirby Puckett Says: "Know Your Eye Pressure"



Kirby Puckett, former centerfielder for the Minnesota Twins and Baseball All-Star.

Major risk factors include:

- Over 45
- African American
- Diabetic
- Family History

(NAPS)—I always tried to hit above 300, but the number I also should have focused on was my eye pressure. Knowing my eye pressure could have prevented my blindness. I didn't know I was at risk for glaucoma, so I never was tested nor had my optic nerve checked for damage.

I used to love seeing the crowd go wild when I hit a home run, then glaucoma stole the vision from one of my eyes. Don't let glaucoma strike out your vision.

For more information, call The Glaucoma Foundation at 1-800-GLAUCOMA (1-800-452-8266) or visit www.glaucoma-foundation.org.

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Mines Football Players Honored

Greg Bollinger

Three Mines football players named to honorable mention All-RMAC Nate Jackson, Matt MacRostie, and Brian Sump were named to the Honorable Mention All-RMAC team in last weekend's loss to Fort Hays State.

Jackson passed for 121 yards in 14-21 attempts and one touchdown and was named to the honorable mention offense team.

MacRostie had 15 tackles, six unassisted, and was named to the honorable mention defense team.

This is Matt's third highest career tackle total here at Mines.

Sump, for the second time this year, was named to the special teams.

Brian averaged 21.1 yards on two kickoff returns and averaged 15.4 yards on five punt returns.



Outdoor Rec Winter Trips and Clinics

Did the cold weather and snow make you hunger for winter adventures? ORC offers a wide range of events to get everyone out in the snow, from beginner to advanced skill levels. For more information, contact 303-278-6202.

Date	Event	Fee
Nov. 25	Beginner Ski Package	\$45/\$10
Nov. 25	Telemark Ski Lessons	\$50/\$10
Nov. 25	Beginner Snowboard Package	\$50/\$10
Dec. 2	Beginner Ski Package	\$50/\$10
Dec. 2	Telemark Ski Lessons	\$50/\$10
Dec. 2	Beginner Snowboard Package	\$50/\$10
Dec. 2	Loveland	\$10
Dec. 7-8	Avalanche Awareness Training	\$35/\$45
Dec. 8	Snow Tubing	\$25
Dec. 8	Winter Park	\$10
Dec. 16	Keystone/A-Basin	\$10
Jan. 13	Beginner Ski Package	\$45/\$10
Jan. 13	Telemark Ski Lessons	\$50/\$10
Jan. 13	Beginner Snowboard Package	\$50/\$10
Jan. 13	Berthoud Pass	\$10
Jan. 20	Snow Cave Building	\$25
Jan. 20	Copper	\$10
Jan. 27	Beginner Ski Package	\$45/\$10
Jan. 27	Telemark Ski Lessons	\$50/\$10
Jan. 27	Beginner Snowboard Package	\$50/\$10
Jan. 27	Loveland	\$10
Feb. 3	Winter Park	\$10
Feb. 3	Snow Tubing	\$25
Feb. 3	Ice Skating	\$8-\$15
Feb. 10	Ice Skating	\$8-\$15
Feb. 10	Keystone/A-Basin	\$10
Feb. 10	Ski Mountaineering- Quandary	\$20
Feb. 17	Berthoud Pass	\$10
Feb. 24	Copper	\$10

ORC Sponsors Star Party

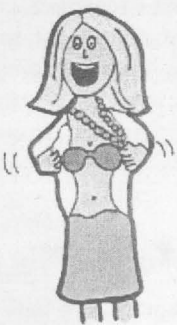
Still enjoying the sun? Try rollerblading or maybe a backpacking trip. Feeling a little overwhelmed? Sit back, relax and enjoy free chocolate at the Star Party. There's still plenty of time to get out and enjoy the sun or stars (try the Full Moon hike perhaps.)

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| Sept. 28 | The Essentials of Backpacking, part 2. 6:30pm in the ORC
Sign up deadline for RollerBlading clinic (9/29) - \$20 |  |
| Sept. 29 | RollerBlading Clinic meets at the ORC @ 3:45pm | |
| Sept. 30 | Rock I leaves the ORC @ 8:00am
Sign up deadline for Mountaineering First Aid course. \$47 |  |
| Oct. 2 & 3 | Colorado Snowboard Expo at Currigan Hall, Denver. | |
| Oct. 4 | Sign up deadline for Mesa Trail hike (10/14). \$5 |  |
| Oct. 5 | Sign up deadline for Full Moon hike - \$5 | |
| Oct. 6-9 | Mount Evans Wilderness backpacking trip. |  |
| Oct. 7 | Byers Peak hike leaves the IM parking lot @ 6:30am | |
| Oct. 13 | Star Party in the survey field, 8:30-11:30pm. FREE. Stargazing and Milky Way Bars | |

Other Fun Events Coming Up...

Date	Event
Oct. 2-3	Colorado Snowboard Expo
Nov. 4-5	Colorado Ski Expo
Jan. 20-27	Aspen Gay Ski Week
January	National Women's Ski & Snowboard Weekend
TBA	Fiesta Ski Week
Feb. 24	KBCO Cardboard Downhill Derby

We Want you!



If you want your picture, club and organization pictures, or even your cat's picture to be published in this year's Prospector (for you new people, that's the yearbook), you need to drop them off at the student activities office, or email them to oredig@mines.edu

Want to join the staff? Want to be an editor? Contact Maureen at mkeller@mines.edu

Remember to identify all people in the picture!!!



Miner Notes

Alpha Phi Omega

CSM's co-ed service fraternity meets Wednesday nights in Meyer Hall 357 at 7 PM. For information on how to pledge (even if you haven't attended any rush events) contact Neil Blazak at nblazak@mines.edu or Lisa Lassner at llassner@mines.edu.

Anime Club

Take a break and watch some cartoons with us. Next showing is Oct. 8, noon, in the ballrooms of the Student Center. It's 100% free. There are also Monday meetings. Contact mhaisfie@mines.edu for info.

ASM/TMS

ASM/TMS has always had strong presence on campus. Nevertheless, starting this semester, MT department head, Dr. J.J. Moore combined all related materials societies into one called Materials Science and Engineering Club (MSEC). This included ISS, ACerS, AWS, and ASM/TMS. We welcome members from all departments on campus. We're planning to have a BBQ, some social events, company visits, as well as inviting some speakers on campus. Questions or comments? Email yhuang@mines.edu.

Ballroom Dance Club

September: Lindy Hop lessons with Kari Crawford. Thursdays, 8:30-10 p.m. Student Center-Ballroom C. Practice sessions starting at 7 p.m. before each lesson. \$18 semester dues, \$4 drop-ins.

CSM Bridge Club

If you like to play cards and want something more interesting than hearts or spades, why not try bridge? The CSM Bridge Club meets every Wednesday evening at 6:00 in the Coolbaugh atrium. Players of all skill levels are welcome.

Campus Crusade for Christ

All are welcome to join us for our weekly 737 meeting. It is a place to hang out with friends and talk about life. Meetings are held every Thursday at 8 p.m. in Ballroom A in the Student Center. Afterwards, we will be going to the Golden Grind for food and fellowship.

Circle K

Come find out about the world's largest student-run service organization. Meetings are held Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. at the Student Center in room 234. For more information contact zachscully@hotmail.com. Free pizza at this Tuesday's meeting.

Earthworks

Are you interested in becoming involved in environmental issues at CSM? Come check out Earthworks. Meetings are held Mondays at 12 noon in Meyer Hall 353. All are Welcome! Questions? Email earthworks@mines.edu.

FCA

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the projection room on the second floor of Volk Gymnasium. All are welcome: Christians, athletes, both or neither. For more information email fbuckner@mines.edu.

Homecoming

Whether you want to play a large or small role in putting Homecoming together this year, we have a place for you on our staff. Meetings are Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in AH 141.

International Society of Explosives Engineers

For a blast of a time come to our next meeting (BB 206) on Monday, Oct. 10 at 6:30 p.m.

International Student Organization

The International Student Organization represents the interests of all internationals at the Colorado School of Mines. Informal meetings are held at the International Office (1404 Maple Street) as needed. We will be holding our biggest event -- International Day, Saturday, Oct. 28. We welcome ideas on activities to further improve the experience of the International students and the Mines community at large. Contact Leslie 303-273-3210 or Kenny 303-215-0449

Kayak Club

Kayak Club holds pool sessions Mondays from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome, beginners to advanced. Contact Nicole Baert at (303) 273-0507 or email nbaert@mines.edu.

LDSSA

All students are invited to enjoy a guest speaker and lunch for \$1 at the Latter Day Saint Student Association's Friday Forum Fridays at noon at 1212 Arapahoe Street. Email meallen for more information.

Outdoor Recreation Center

Looking for a little recreation? Need equipment? Need lessons? Visit the Outdoor Recreation Center across the street from the IM fields. Hours: Mon-Fri 10-6 and Sat-Sun 10-2. 303-278-6202

Oredigger

Looking for crazy nights, wild women, mischievous men and free lunch? The *Oredigger* is looking for reporters and editors. No experience necessary. Meetings are Mondays at noon, BH 204 and lunch is provided.

PHATES

(Peers Helping Aid in Tough Everyday Situations) "We are listening..." Dedicated to listening to your problems. For more information, contact Mel Kirk at the Student Development Center, 303-273-3377.

Prospector

Applications are being accepted in Student Activities for the editor positions of the High Grade (the campus literary magazine) and the Prospector (the campus yearbook). Applications are available in Student Activities and are due by September 15th.

SCA

The Society for Creative Anachronism meets Thursdays 7-9 p.m. in Kafadar Commons and in case of inclement weather, in the Field House. Questions? Contact David at (303) 278-3061 or dclement@mines.edu.

SHPE

Society of Hispanic Engineers (SHPE) will host a Fiesta on September 15 from 4-9 p.m. in the Green Center. There will be FREE food and entertainment (poets, singers, dancers). Come learn about and celebrate Hispanic culture.

Sigma Lambda

Sigma Lambda is the student organization for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered community at CSM. We welcome students, faculty, staff, and alumni to our meetings and social events. For more information and upcoming events, visit our web page at http://www.mines.edu/Stu_life/organ/glbe/ or email sigmalambda@mines.edu.

Society of Women Engineers

Are you ready for an inspiring year? This year, the theme of Society of Women Engineers (SWE) is "Inspiring Women." SWE is a fun club! You will have huge benefits: Evening with Industry, Ice cream social party, and many interesting guest speakers. All you have to do is come to CO 209 on Wednesdays at noon! Lunch will be served. Join SWE and have fun with us.

Ultimate Frisbee Organization

Mines Ultimate will be practicing this fall on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 5 p.m. on Kafadar field. This is a competitive team that travels to different areas around the state and country to compete in different tournaments. If interested view our web sight at http://www.mines.edu/Stu_life/organ/ufo/ and contact any of the officers for more information.

Water Polo

Mines waterpolo is off to an exciting start. We will be hosting a tournament Sept. 16-17th for the Southwest division. Practices are Tuesday and Thursday from 7:45-9:45 p.m. and Saturday from 1-3 p.m. This is a coed team so please feel free to join us in Volk gym pool.

Women's Ultimate Frisbee Team

Want to have fun, make friends and get in shape? Come be a part of Mines' Women's Ultimate Frisbee Team. No experience is required. Practice is on Kafadar Commons from 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays and 2-4 p.m. Sundays. For more information, call Julie West at 303-278-7431.

Please submit all Miner Notes and Classifieds one week prior to publication.

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Queen waterbed new heater liner/mattress wood frame with bookcase headboard \$175. Antique Maple dining table and 4 chairs \$150. In Golden but we can transport to CSM. Call 303-278-1072

Help Wanted.

Live in nanny in Golden, 2 & 3 yr old, M-F to 5pm, salary & 1bd duplex provided, N/S and trans req'd. 720-352-6535h 303-939-5169w

Nanny/ babysitter for 9 mo. old M-F a.m. thru p.m.- flexible hrs. Molly 303 278-0909 leave msg.

Nanny needed M-F, 3 -7 p.m., for two fun children ages 9 and 11. Near 6th Avenue and Indiana. Provide after-school help with homework, soccer practice, dinner preparation. Live-in option available. Call 303-278-0563 or 303-273-9250.

Seeking responsible student to care for my two children (ages 6 & 9) in my home 2-3 days/week. Hours: 2:30-6:30 Wed, Thurs, Fri. Must have car and be non-smoker. Some light housekeeping. \$9/hour. Lakewood/Green Mtn area. Julie or Paul 303-980-9940.

Female student wanted for occasional childcare. Golden family. Please call Debra 303-278-0099.

Golden mother seeks domestic help; 5-10 hrs/week. Childcare and light housekeeping; fluency in a foreign language (Spanish, French, Italian) a plus! Please call for further information Elaine 278-4436.

Nannies, Childcare. Professional Care for Children Wanted 303-471-0704

CSM students graduating this year with majors in computer science or electrical engineering who are interested in working for Agilent Technologies (Formerly Hewlett Packard) in Colorado Springs. Contact Jason at bikerone@juno.com or 215-6436.

Men Wanted.

Wanted- Two athletic Mines men to teach two energetic cheerleaders the sport of raquetball. Must be able to keep up with our fun personalities and our "not-so-serious" nature. Contact us by email at MinesCheers@hotmail.com

Thanks

The CSM Phonathon wants to thank Silver Creek ski area, Woody's Pizza and Loveland ski area for their generous support this fall semester. Thanks for your help!